# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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Data of Private Travel Agents
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding the private travel agents operating in the country;
(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Maharashtra;
(c) whether the Government has any control over the functioning of these agents; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): The Ministry has a scheme for recognising Travel Agents, Tour Operators, Adventure Tour Operators and Tourist Transport Operators as approved service provider. The idea is to encourage quality, standard and service in these categories so as to promote Tourism in India. This is a voluntary scheme open to all bonafide agencies.

The State wise details of approved travel service providers including for the state of Maharashtra are given in Annexure.

The approval of the travel service providers are provided as per the relevant guidelines under various categories. All the approved service providers are required to adhere to the terms and conditions laid down in the relevant guidelines. In case of any complaint received against approved travel service provider regarding violation of guidelines, Ministry of Tourism takes appropriate action after detailed investigation.
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